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Concordia's Continuing Education Opens New Centre For Psychophysical Studies

September will see the opening of an exciting new Centre for Psychophysical Studies at 2130 Bishop St. in Montreal.

Concordia University, well remembered for its first Canadian Academic Symposium on Meditation, Mystical & Psychic Experience and Non-Medical Healing which attracted over 10,000 people and wide media coverage last March, co-sponsors the new Centre with the International Institute of Integral Human Sciences, an organization working to stimulate, coordinate and conduct research and educational programs in psychophysical integration and psychospiritual awareness.

Under the auspices of Concordia's Centre for Continuing Education, the new Centre will offer courses in Parapsychology and Paraphysics, Hypnosis, Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, Dream Extension Training, Yoga, Tai Chi, Biofeedback, Psychic Healing, Psychosynthesis, Human Morphology, and Ancient Metaphysical Systems & Modern Parapsychology.

Nicholas Regush, author of the PSI Catalogue, The Human Aura, and Mind Search, will offer a course surveying some of the recent and more exciting developments in mind-brain and PSI research and considering some of their vast social and cultural implications.

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Prof. Douglas Dean of Newark College of Engineering, co-author of Executive ESP, will give a course on Psychic Healing, surveying current practices in non-medical healing and emphasizing the techniques science is developing for assessing their effects. His second course, Experimental Parapsychology and Paraphysics, is a survey of contemporary scientific research on ESP, Life Energies, Kirlian photography, etc. against the background of the earlier history of psychical research. Prof. Dean, a leading researcher in these various fields, is also one of the pioneers in America of Kirlian photography - the technique which registers energy emanating from the body.

A course in hypnosis is designed to familiarize the student with the history and basic methods employed in the use of therapeutic hypnosis and autohypnosis. Prof. Rooshikumar Pandya will review different types of hypnotic suggestions and autosuggestions and their possible beneficial applications in public life in such fields as education, politics, business, medicine, psychology, and so on.

Courses in the history and theory of Chinese Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, with Dr. William Huang and Bernard Grimaux, will be offered in both English and French.

Rabbi Jerry Steinberg will conduct two courses in dream training, involving recall, dream awareness, dream direction, and dream interpretation, as well as the study of symbols and the general psychology of dreaming.

Hal Myers, an engineer and behavior therapist, will offer a course on biofeedback, including the basic theory of biofeedback, techniques and machinery used in training and the results of recent scientific experimentation in the field.

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Courses at the Centre may be taken individually or as part of an integrated program leading to a Certificate in Psychophysical Studies. In addition, the Centre will offer lectures, films and workshops throughout the year. Its facilites include a lounge and eventually a reading room and a laboratory.

The Centre intends to present a variety of perspectives on human integration. Recent research in many areas demonstrate that man is not separate from his environment, that consciousness pervades the world in unexpected ways and interacts in striking ways with matter. Psychology, physics, medicine and philosophy are each developing more holistic views of man, views which seem to converge with those of the mystics, and of religious and esoteric systems. The courses at the Centre are designed to survey recent findings on this expanding and often confusing frontier and to examine traditional as well as modern ways of arriving at insights into the hidden aspects of ourselves.

The Centre is a part of the International Institute of Integral Human Sciences which counts the following well-known people among its Fellows and Associates: J.B. Rhine, Marshall McLuhan, Arthur Koestler, John White, Allen Spragget, Cleve Backster, Shafica Karagulla, Thelma Moss, Rollo May, Elmer Green, Houston Smith, Charles Tart, Humphrey Osmond, Rabbi Joseph Gelberman, Canon William Rauscher, Douglas Dean, and many others around the world. The President of the Institute is the Rev. John Rossner of the Religion Department of Concordia University.

The public is invited to come and get acquainted with the staff, facilites and programs of the new Centre at an Open House held Monday, September 20, from 5:30 to 9:00 PM at the Centre, 2130 Bishop St. For further information call Concordia's Continuing Education at 879-2865; or write to: The International Institute of Integral Human Sciences, P.O. Box 1387, Station "H", Montreal, H3G 2N3.

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